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BOOK REVIEWS.

WIT AND HUMOR OF BENCH AND BAR. By MARSHALL BROWN.
Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1899.

In spite of the powerful rule of Mr. Dryasdust in courts of law it sometimes happens that successful revolts are made against his tyrannical power. Native wit can never be wholly stifled even by the musty odor of ancient parchments, and it often breaks forth to relieve the tedium of trials at law. It has been Mr. Brown's happy function to collect many of the choicest specimens of forensic cleverness when severed from purely legal things. He has gathered together for our amusement and pleasure many delightful anecdotes and witty sayings of lawyers and judges. Those lawyers who desire a refreshing book after a hard day's work will hail with laughter this motley jester among the sad colored law books. To those not conversant with the law it would, perhaps, not prove so attractive, as it has been observed that *legal jokes*—for lack of a better term—do not appeal to the lay world. Altogether the book in question is worthy of a place in any library. *E. B. S., Jr.*

RODGERS ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1899.

This is one of the most complete text books on the subject which has ever been written. The author treats the general subject in an exhaustive but at the same time concise manner, subdividing the main topic into the relations that exist: (1) between Husband and Wife, and, beginning with the marriage, shows the right which each acquires in the other's property, and the duties imposed on them; (2) between Parent and Child, under which head he treats concerning the custody of children, infancy, and illegitimate children; (3) between Master and Servant, and (4) between Guardian and Ward. He has not only written in an easy consecutive style, but he furnishes us with a complete, accurate and extremely useful work on the subject. He supports his statements in each instance by a host of authorities which he brings down to date. He states not only the common-law rule but the ways and instances in which it has been affected or altered by statutory changes. The book will prove a practical, useful and reliable source of information to all busy practitioners who desire an answer to a problem and have little time to explore digests. *J. B. C., 3d.*

CIVIL PROCEDURE AT COMMON LAW. By ALEXANDER MARTIN, LL. D. Boston: Boston Book Co. 1899.

Although the majority of jurisdictions in the United States, as well as England, have abandoned the strict system of common law